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To:

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Rep. John Walsh (District 19)

Subject:

Proposed Amendments to HB 5225

Dear Ms. Lake,

Please this e-mail along to the relevant parties.

I wanted to pass along a few concerns regarding proposed amendments to HB 5225. I've been a handgun owner for several years and I lend my strong support to the abolition of the permit requirement. When one decides to buy a handgun, the permit requirement adds unnecessary burden, hassle, and costs to (1) buyers, (2) (multiple) police departments, (3) retailers, and (4) manufacturers.

For example, years ago when I went to the East Lansing PD for a permit, they directed me to the Michigan State University PD. I contacted the later and they directed me back to East Lansing PD. This went back and forth until I contacted a high-level officer at the MSU PD to get the whole thing straightened out. MSU finally issued the permit. Several years later, I called MSU to inquire about obtaining a new copy of the permit and, after some time looking for the permit, I was directed to the Michigan State Police b/c MSU was having a hard time finding the permit. All of this takes a lot of time out of one's work day for the buyer/owner, the police, etc.

Conversely, at least on the face of it, the permit requirement does not seem to preclude unlawful gun ownership (i.e. given the background check system in place)

Thank you for taking this into consideration in light of the proposed amendments.

All the best,

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